

SUPERVISOR SHARON BULOVA

Sharon Bulova, elected in November 1987, represents the Braddock District on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The Braddock District has a population of about 106,000 and is located in the center of the county. Mrs. Bulova serves as the Board's **Vice Chairman and Chairs the Board's Budget Committee.**

Mrs. Bulova has been a member (and past Chairman) of **the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission** since 1988. She is a founding member of the **Virginia Railway Express (Commuter Rail) Operations Board** since its inception in 1989 and has served as that Board's Chairman four times. Under her leadership commuter train service for Northern Virginia advanced from a speculative proposal to a reality.

In the summer of 2004, Mrs. Bulova was appointed by Governor Warner to chair the **Governor's Commission on Rail Enhancement for the 21st Century in the Commonwealth of Virginia.** The Commission's report can be found on the Department of Rail and Public Transportation's web site at:
<http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/downloads/files/RailCommissionReport2004.pdf>

As a member and past chairman of the **Northern Virginia Regional Commission,** Mrs. Bulova champions regionalism to address our metropolitan area concerns. She is Chairman of the **Fairfax County/City of Fairfax Committee,** which addresses issues of interest to both jurisdictions. Mrs. Bulova is the county's liaison on the **Central Fairfax Chamber Board of Directors.** She is a member of the **Council of Government (COG) Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee** and is Vice Chairman of **COG's Metropolitan Development Process Committee.**

Community Projects

Mrs. Bulova has initiated a number of community projects including:

The Braddock District Tree Planting Project. A collaboration with the Braddock District Council of Community Associations and a committee of dedicated citizens, this effort has resulted in the planting of trees, bushes and wildflowers in the medians of Braddock District's main arteries.

From 1992 until 2001, Mrs. Bulova coordinated a project called **Fairfax Corner in Moscow.** This program, which involved no county funding, provided training and networking opportunities for Russian government officials and business leaders who stayed with local host families.

Braddock Nights. A program of free summer night concerts in parks in the Braddock District. Sponsored by The Washington Post, Target, Cox Communications, Verizon, Dominion Virginia Power, Fairfax Memorial Park & Funeral Home and Interstate Van Lines, this community-building project provides wholesome entertainment for all ages and interests.

Faith Communities in Action, a Fairfax Countywide network of faith communities, enables faith communities to better identify and respond to the needs of the community-at-large, in partnership with non-profit organizations and local government. Recently, the County established an Office of Interfaith/Community Outreach to provide organizational structure for this effort. In 2005 Faith Communities in Action will celebrate its 10th anniversary.

To encourage **revitalization** and re-investment in her Braddock District, Mrs. Bulova has initiated a number of programs, such as the **Best of Braddock Award Program** and the **Danbury Forest Community Enhancement Project**, a pilot program which encourages compatible and attractive "up-grades" and expansions in an older townhome community.

Mrs. Bulova has engaged her Braddock constituents in a number of **Community Dialog Series**. Some topics include: **Braddock 2000 – The Miniseries (Projecting and Planning for a strong community as it enters a new century)**; **Dying in America - End of Life Issues**; **Community Challenges (Parking & Overcrowding)**; **Transportation and Land Use**; **Gang Activity & Revitalization of older Neighborhoods and Commercial Areas** of Braddock District. In 2005 a Community Task Force will engage in a year long history series called **A Look Back at Braddock**.

A Northern Virginia resident since 1966, Mrs. Bulova resides in The Cloisters of Fairfax with her husband Lou DeFalaise. Together they have four adult children and two grandchildren.

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